

Questions

Kingston (city)—Seven, of which four are suitable.

London (city)—Thirty-five, of which twenty are suitable.

2. See published Record of Contracts Awarded, and pages 244 and 462, *Hansard*, regarding blanket questions.

3. Answered by 2.

FREIGHT RATES ON GRAIN FOR STOCK FEEDING—
AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES

Mr. REID:

1. Have any agreements been entered into between the dominion government and any of the provinces in connection with the absorption of the costs of freight tolls on grain used for stock feeding and coming from any of the three prairie provinces?

2. If so, what is the nature and extent of any such agreements or proposal made or entered into?

3. Was any such proposal made to all the provinces?

4. If so, what provinces have accepted or agreed to accept any such proposal?

5. What provinces have so far entered into any such arrangement?

Mr. GARDINER:

1. Agreement with one province is pending.

2. Not yet completed.

3. Offer of freight assistance was made to all eastern provinces and it was intimated to British Columbia that we were prepared to work out a similar arrangement for British Columbia if desired.

4 and 5. Answered by No. 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT—EMPLOYEES

Mr. DIEFENBAKER:

How many appointments have been made to date in connection with the Unemployment Insurance Act, and what number of employees is it anticipated will be required in order to administer said act?

Mr. McLARTY:

Appointments: Permanent, 2 commissioners, 1 chief commissioner, later deceased, whose place has been taken by an acting chief commissioner, 8 officials; temporary, 11 clerks and stenographers; on loan from other branches of government service, 7 clerks and stenographers; total, 29.

The unemployment insurance commission reports that its procedures and plans have not as yet been developed to the point where an accurate estimate of the number of employees which will ultimately be required to administer the act may be made. During the hearings before the special committee appointed by the House of Commons to consider the unemployment insurance bill in July, 1940, an approximation was stated to be in the neighbourhood of 3,000 employees.

[Mr. Howe.]

CANADIAN ARMY—PROVISION FOR DEPENDENTS

Mr. COCKERAM:

1. What provision has been made to take care of dependents of men serving in the active forces in Canada, should they die from natural causes during such service?

2. What provision has been made to take care of dependents of men serving in the reserve army, who should die whilst on parade and carrying on their normal military duties?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre):

1. Order in council P.C. 1971 of the 21st May, 1940, provides that the provisions of section 11 (2) of the Pension Act shall apply in respect of disability or death incurred by members of the naval, military or air forces of Canada while serving in Canada after that date. Under that section of the Pension Act, pension may be awarded the dependents of a deceased member of the forces when the injury or disease or the aggravation thereof resulting in death arose out of and was directly connected with such military services.

2. The same provisions apply to members of the reserve army while on duty.

SOUTH WATERLOO, ONT., CHIEF CENSUS OFFICER

Mr. HOMUTH:

1. Who has been named chief census officer for South Waterloo?

2. By whom was he recommended for the position?

3. Who has been named chief census officer for North Waterloo?

4. By whom was he recommended for the position?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West):

1. J. N. Courtney, Hespeler, Ont.

2. The Minister of Trade and Commerce.

3. J. E. Wagner, Kitchener, Ont.

4. The Minister of Trade and Commerce.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE—SECRETARY
OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE

Mr. BENCE:

1. Who was designated to act as secretary of the constitutional committee of the dominion-provincial conference?

2. Was any allowance or other remuneration paid to him?

3. If so, what was the amount of such allowance or other remuneration?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. Brooke Claxton, K.C., M.P.

2. No.

3. Answered by 2.

WAR CONTRACTS DEPRECIATION BOARD—F. H. BLACK

Mr. BENCE:

1. Is F. H. Black associated with the war contracts depreciation board?

2. If so, in what capacity?

3. What is his usual place of residence?